

Additional GeoSci-311 Mineralogy Fall 2008 Term Paper Guidelines

- There is no specific page minimum or maximum for this paper; however, it is incredibly difficult to write a paper that covers all of the mineralogical, geological, and societal implications of any topic chosen by this class in less than ~5 pages (*not including references*). My hope was to not establish a parameter such as this for the paper, but you can treat this as a minimum requirement if you must.
- To completely fulfill the requirement, an *absolute minimum* of 2 peer-reviewed articles from reputable journals is a requirement. If your term paper is written entirely with web-based resources, dig a little deeper. Links to both ScienceDirect® and GeoRef® have been posted in the “Useful Links” section of the course website for the entire semester.
- Class participants are strongly encouraged to make use of tables and figures from the literature. Please make mention to figures and tables in the body of the text where their context is appropriate.
- *It is essential* that you make in text references for every major idea or concept (including figures and tables) that is borrowed from the literature. Please use appropriate citations for books, journals and we resources and be sure that these can be easily matched with a list of properly referenced sources.
- Part of the requirement for this project is a presentation that will be given during the last week of the semester. *Attendance to these presentations is required of the entire class and late arrival or absence will be taken into your final presentation grade.* Presentations are to last 8 to 10 minutes and can utilize PowerPoint®, overheads, posters, video, or the chalkboard. An outline or your presentation must be submitted by Wednesday December 3 (extended from the original deadline of Monday December 1).
- The final draft of the term paper must be submitted by 5:00 pm Monday December, 15 (extended from Monday December, 8). *Late papers will not be accepted so on-time submittal of this draft is essential for credit (~15% of the final class grade).*